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Additional Town Topics

\$100 pays for The Times until Jan. 1st, 1902. Subscribers at once. J.M. Lane left for Iowa on Wednesday on business. He will be absent a couple of weeks.

Four earloads of oats were purchased this week by Wm. Eggleston, the price paid being 35c.

Errors of vision corrected by J. D. Bower, Optician, at Mr. Ward's Drug Store Dec. 13th and 14th.

The first carnival of the season will be held on Friday evening, Dec. 20th. See posters for further particulars.

The government land office has been moved to the rooms above the post office, recently vacated by A. S. Rosewell & Co.

The first of a series of hockey matches between teams composed of citizens and clerks takes place this Wednesday evening as we go to press.

A little excitement was created in town last Friday evening when the chimney in C. W. Harkness' home was on fire. No damage was done however.

The construction of the fire hall has been completed. The next move will be to run the engine and hose cart into the building. Who will volunteer to assist?

The first hockey accident of the season occurred last Friday evening when "Deacon" Montgomery received a painful cut above the left eye. It is nearly a fright again.

An excellent Christmas entertainment is being prepared by the Methodist Sunday School, to be given in Heric's Hall on Monday evening, Dec. 23rd. Fuller particulars next week.

The beautiful mild weather we have been experiencing, took a change this week, the thermometer registering a few degrees below zero Wednesday morning. Two or three inches more snow are wanted to make good sleighing.

Mrs. Miquelon, who has been spending some time in town with her sons, left on Wednesday morning for Calgary, where she will spend a few days prior to her returning to Sherbrook, Que. She is accompanied by May McPherson, who will pursue a course of studies in a convent there.

The Village Meeting

The meeting of the ratepayers on Monday evening, called for the purpose of electing an overseer until such time as the village becomes incorporated, was attended by only a few of the more energetic citizens. J. H. Walker called the meeting to order and explained the object of the gathering. At the expiration of the allotted time E. E. Chandler was the only name allowed to remain in nomination, hence Mr. Chandler was declared re-elected by acclamation. The overseer's statement of the receipts and expenditure of the village finances for last year was presented as follows:

RECEIPTS	
Arrears of taxes paid for year 1901.....	\$ 25.00
Current taxes paid.....	619.70
Pool table license.....	20.00
Podder's license.....	10.00
Dec. license.....	12.00
Borrowed on debentures.....	1000.00
Total.....	\$1688.20
EXPENDITURE	
Returning officer's fees.....	3.00
Election 1901.....	3.00
Stationery, postage and exchange.....	3.95
Advertising.....	16.00
Side walks and repairing same.....	269.37
Bridges and culverts.....	117.35
Grading streets, etc.....	123.50
Scavenging.....	2.50
Hardware.....	5.45
Rent.....	4.00
Fire appliances.....	899.45
Salary and commissions.....	96.33
Auditor's fees.....	5.00
Balance on hand.....	172.09
Total.....	\$1688.20

Wetaskiwin Agricultural Society

Another meeting of the above society was held in Heric's Hall on Saturday afternoon last, with a good attendance. John McVicar, the president, was chairman, and A. S. Rosewell, secretary. M. E. O'Brien read an interesting paper on "The Horse for the British Army," after which a lengthy discussion took place. The next paper, on "The Gastric Rupture," was read by J. P. Brown, and was also of a lively discussion. The meeting of the Institute was then held, when the election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Pres., John McVicar; Vice-Pres., Frank Lucas; 2nd Vice-Pres., Johnston

Thinks; Directors, John West, A. S. Rosewell, D. Morrison, Enoch Grove, A. J. Womack, L. A. McCarter, Asas Doupe, Freeman Kelly, J. S. Willows; Auditors, M. C. Egan and L. Switzer; Treas., John West; Sec., A. S. Rosewell.

It was resolved that Institute meetings be held on the second Saturday in each of the months of January, February, March and April, at 8 p.m.

After dealing to have the next show about the first week in July, the meeting adjourned.

Culture of the Cimex Lectularius

The following paper was prepared by R. C. Edwards, M.A., and read at the meeting of the Wetaskiwin Agricultural Society on Saturday, November 30th.

"In spite of the solicitude manifested for the live stock industries of the Northwest by a benevolent government, we have to deplore the attitude of indifference towards the important and vital question of the Cimex Lectularius, or Bed Bug. So far as it affects the farmer, this question is an extremely lively one, and should be looked into. It is well known that the former and the Cimex Lectularius are bound together by ties of blood. The latter has always been well cared for on the farm, being accommodated with all the warm corners, and getting free board of the most nourishing description to say nothing of all it can drink during the night. If the honest farmer does occasionally have to contend with an odd blushing through the misadventure of a summer frost or the diabolical machinations of our up-to-date lawyers, the patient little bed bug has his troubles too, and oft of a chilly night has been known to suffer disaster of a most crushing nature.

Our motive in bringing this subject before you today is to urge upon this Society the expediency of asking the government to import free a few choice pure-bred bed bugs from Ontario to improve the breed. They are becoming too inbred—show a tendency to justice, it cannot be said that they have lost their vitality. The importance of the farmer and the Cimex Lectularius should simply justify a liberal importation by the Agricultural Department of government. The importation of bed bugs, for the reason that in proportion as the country settles up and more shacks raise their heads proudly above the horizon, so much greater becomes the necessity of a substantial increase in the numbers of good healthy feeders.

Thousands of beds today are overcrowded with small brown stockers, waiting the arrival of Mr. Swanson's next batch of settlers from the States to feed upon. It may be said, with more truth than poetry, that every immigration agent is ex-officio a self-constituted importer of feed for these animals. It takes little or no care to raise them. The more careless you are, the larger herd you are liable to get. It is a curious anomaly that in the houses of the big bugs there are seldom bed bugs. These bladders of every size are enough to spill their blood for their country, grade a drop to the humble Cimex Lectularius. Everyone should keep a bed bug or two. The more the merrier. What is home without a bed bug? Nay, more, with a good herd the farmer stands a reasonable shore of coming out ahead in life's race, starting scratch and keeping on the move.

It was a pleasant surprise to us all to learn that at the Pan American Exposition a general purpose Lectularius from Edmonton carried off several first and second prize against the best specimens of a kindred species, the Pediculus Corporis. The Edmonton exhibit had been fed on nothing but the farmer's blood, but, however, it must be admitted, was a gentleman of a very full habit, as well as in the habit of getting very full.

Happy then, the farmer who keeps a strong line of bed bugs. Three blessed bed bugs. Though his lander be ever busy, he has no quibus about extending loans to the belated traveler and inviting him to have a bite. For those and many other reasons it would seem to be a government to adopt a generous Lectularian policy. Let their next election be "Free Bed Bugs for Free People." The very thing, it appears to the country with such a talismanic slogan will be swept into power by a resolute wave of popular sentiment.

In conclusion, the bed bug is the friend of all, the catholicity of his tastes extending even to the tent caterpillar who, on seeing the prospect after a hard day's labor, may get all the time he can stand during the night free of charge. I respectfully submit your consideration to your earnest consideration.

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Summit.

Mrs. Pearson of Red Deer Lake was visiting her sister, Mrs. Lynd, this week.

A Xmas entertainment will be given at Asker. A lengthy program is being prepared.

Miss Christina Ring returned from Calgary, to spend the winter with her mother.

Messrs J. P. Kallman and August Johnson drove a bunch of shirts to Ponoka Saturday.

Mr. Vic Johnson is launching into the equestrian order of business. Call and have your eyeglass or exchanged.

Mr. Lydin drove two loads of grain to town last week, having 120 bushels each time. Not so bad for the red team.

Mr. Thomas Phillips of the Battle Lake ranch is buying up a large number of steers and preparing them for the spring market.

The change in the date of publication of The Times confers a great favor on us, as it gives us the town news and market prices a week earlier.

"The Alberta winter is simply delightful," says some of our newcomers from across the line who have been in the province for a few days.

Mr. Walter G. Bergman arrived home from the harvest field of Manitoba. He reports the last season a busy one there, but prophesies an even greater future for the Alberta farmer.

The bazaar at the Star school house last Saturday was well patronized. The articles contributed were sold at advanced prices and a goodly sum was realized. At the close the adherents of the Mission church showed their appreciation for their pastor Rev. Mr. Sanden, by handing him a purse of over one hundred dollars.

The Red Deer Lake Literary Society held its first meeting since organizing on Monday last, and spent a very profitable and interesting evening. The president, C. Johnson, presided over the meeting in the right place, and under his able supervision the society will have no doubt prosper.

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Oh, for a few inches of snow!

A couple of A. Trusler's cows broke through the ice on a large pond and were drowned.

A special meeting of the ratepayers of the Dowling School district will be held on Saturday, 14th inst. for the purpose of electing a trustee in place of H. Trusler, late trustee who has left the Dis-

Supplement To Times.

Wetaskiwin, Alta., Thursday, Dec. 12th, 1901.

Battle River.

This week sees the close of the threshing season in this neighborhood.

Thanksgiving passed off quietly.

Mr. George La Fontaine, who spent the summer with his brother-in-law Mr. Potvin, has gone to Golden, B.C., for the winter.

Mr. Jake Schantz is on the sick list.

Mr. Chas. Nelles has been nursing a cracked rib the past weeks, having slipped while drawing water.

Mr. Abbot is convalescing nicely.

Miss Watson of Haultain school has gone to the Model in Regina for a three months term. She will resume her charge there in March.

Mr. Galloway of Duhamel is to wield the correcting rod in Cherry Grove for 1902.

Cherry Grove district regret Miss McMurdo severs her connection with the school at Xmas. She proved herself an efficient and popular teacher, with parents, young people and pupils alike.

Last summer Mr. Ernest Switzer built a neat barn and house. Last week he left for St. Marys, Ont. And now the birds are whispering the usual sweet rumors.

Mr. Alf Davanaugh of Battle Lake stayed a week with Mr. Abbot.

Mr. Vic Campbell passed through our burg on a business trip last week.

Saw Death Near.

"It often made my heart ache" writes L. C. Overstreet, of Elgin, Tenn., "to hear my wife cough until it seemed her weak and sore lungs would collapse. Good doctors said she was so far gone with consumption that no medicine or earthly help could save her, but a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery and persistent use of this excellent medicine saved her life." It's absolutely guaranteed for coughs, colds, bronchitis, asthma and all throat and lung diseases. 50c and \$1.00 at Ward's Drug Store. Trial bottles free.

Little Beaver Chips.

(Intended for last week.)

Chas. Roth, who has been spending a few days in the vicinity, made a trip to Wetaskiwin this week. Mr. and Mrs. C. LaPoint visited friends at Buffalo Lake over Sunday. Jens A. Johnson has moved his family down from Clover Bar and intends moving onto his homestead west of Little Beaver. Miss Linnie Davidson is home spending a few days with her parents. Geo. LaRose has been on the sick list for a few days but, we are pleased to say, is improving rapidly. We are pleased to state that Mrs. C. Howie is improving rapidly after a long illness. Miss Mattie Olson is very sick at present.

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